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CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA



Admissions Guidebook

This guidebook is an informal look at the programs and people of Centenary College of Louisiana. If this first glimpse of the College interests you, then write to us and we will be happy to send you the complete Centenary College catalog for the current year.



The College

Centenary College is an independent coeducational liberal arts college located in a thriving and active city in northwest Louisiana. The campus is beautifully wooded and rolling, with handsome architecture mostly in the Georgian colonial style. Centenary is the only fully-accredited four-year college in Shreveport, and indeed the only such private institution in north Louisiana. It is the oldest chartered institution of higher education in the United States west of the Mississippi River, and will in 1975 celebrate its sesquicentennial. Within 20 years of its founding, the College became affiliated with the United Methodist Church, and the Church and its members are active in support of the College and its programs. Students at Centenary live a vigorous and demanding academic, intellectual, and social life, and enjoy a high degree of freedom and responsibility in self-government and in participation in the governance of the College, holding full voting memberships in nearly all the College committees.



Those Who Teach

The faculty of Centenary College, numbering about 100, consists of highly dedicated men and women who hold advanced degrees from some of the most respected colleges and universities in the nation. These are the people who are most responsible for what is taught at Centenary, although students take an active part in the learning process.

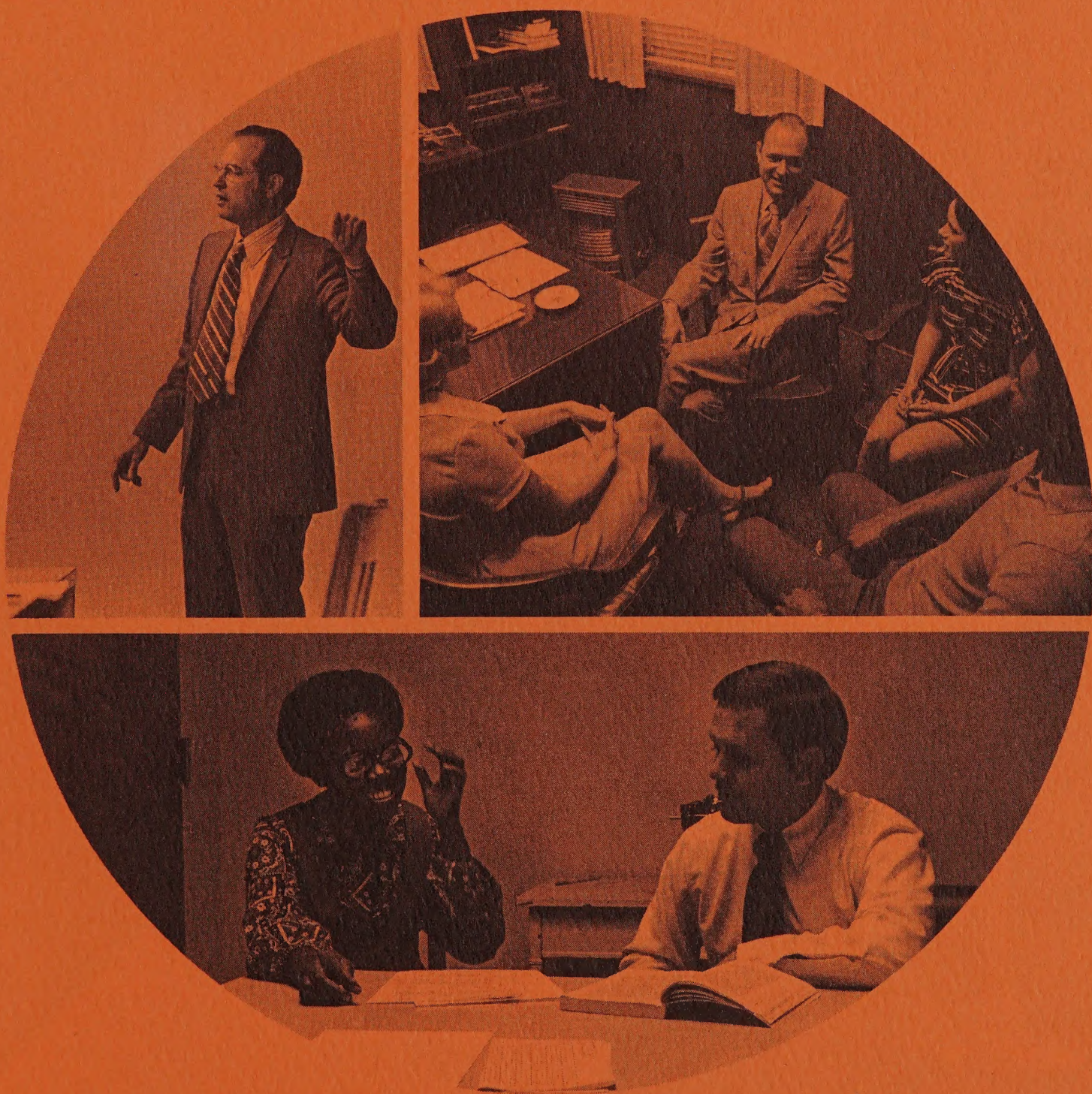
Students now serve as full voting members on nearly all College committees with administrators and faculty members. Students govern, regulate and control student affairs within the framework of the College's administrative policies by means of the Student Senate, the Honor Court, and the Men's and Women's Judicial Boards. The College assumes that all students are capable of making mature decisions in many areas of student life, and therefore allows various privileges.

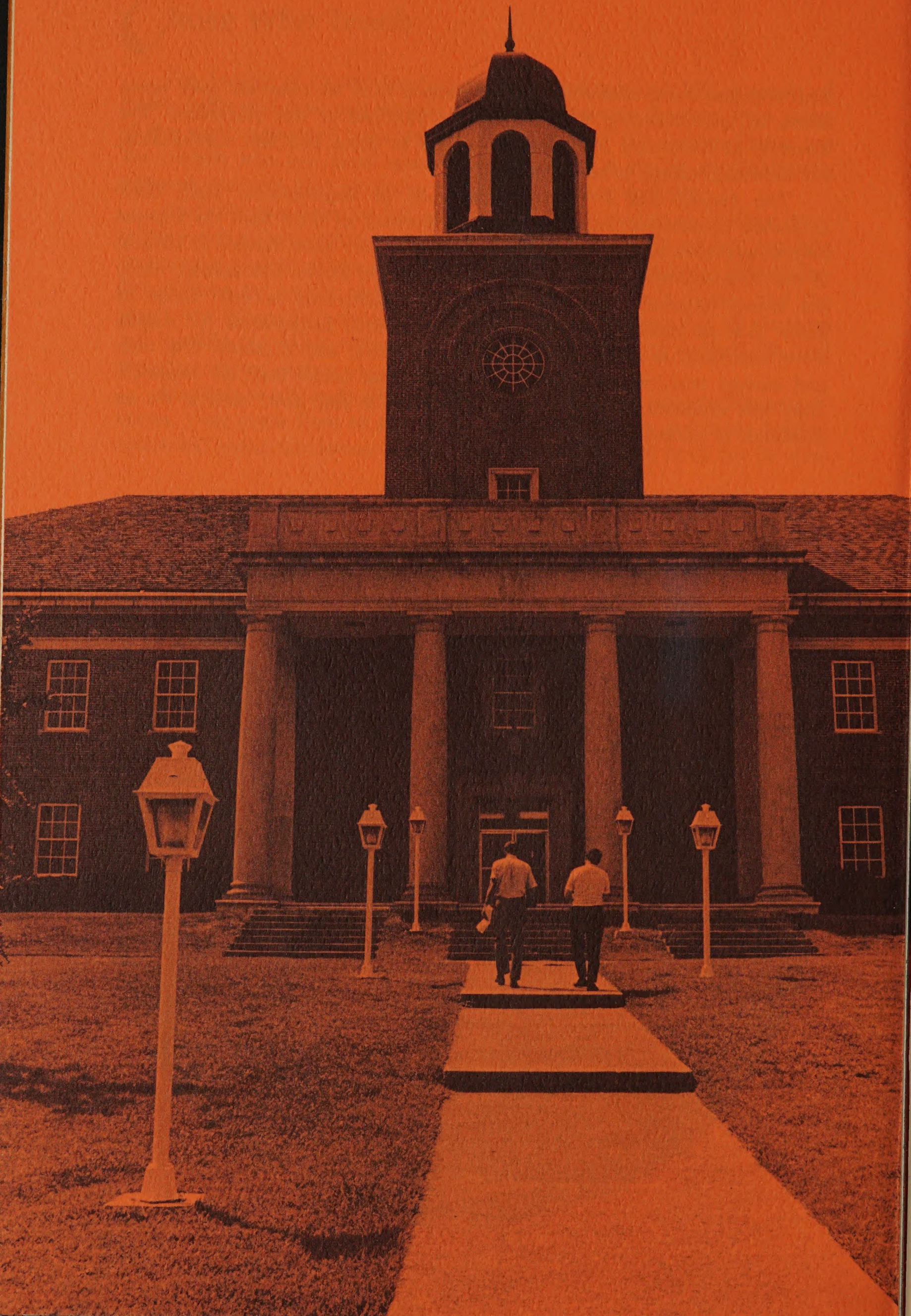
Students teach each other by sharing previous and present life experiences. They come from all sections of the United States and many foreign countries, giving Centenary a very cosmopolitan student body for its size.



Learning and living with other young people from all over will give some levels of understanding that are seldom reached in the classroom. The students at Centenary are enough like you to make you feel comfortable, but different enough to be interesting.

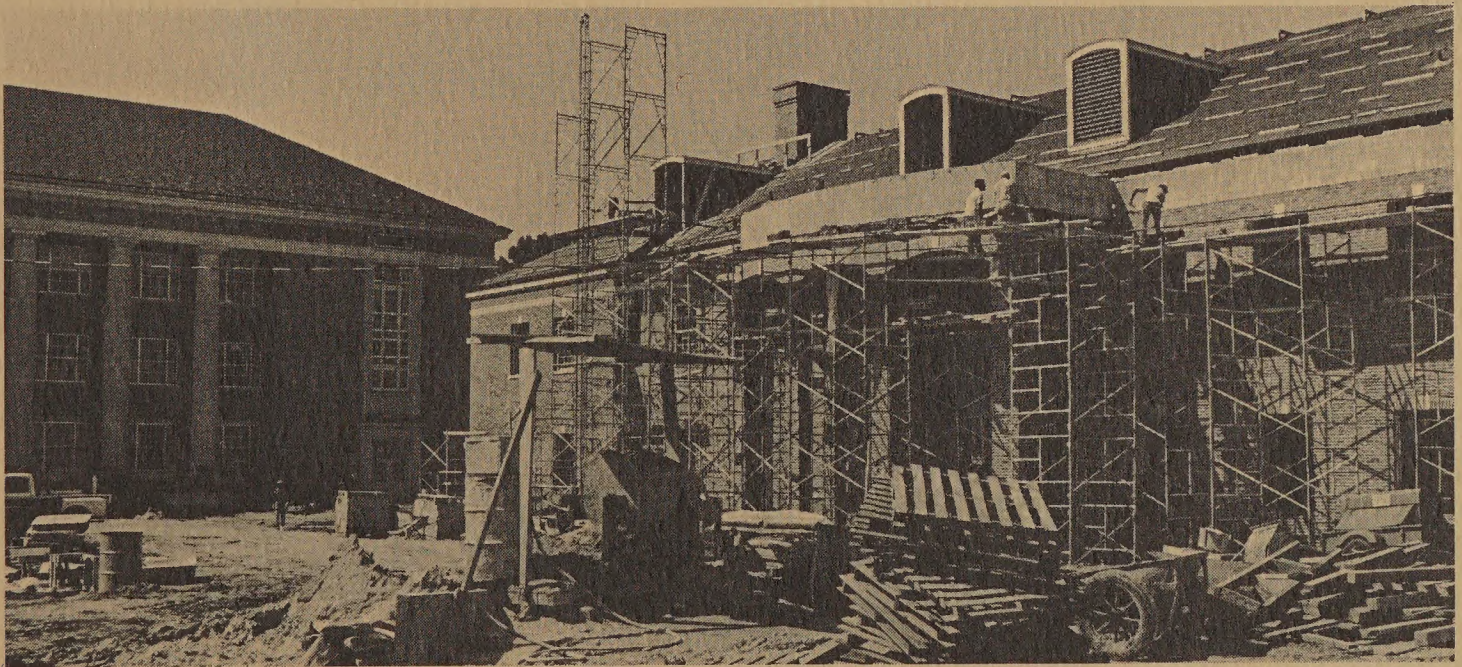
The faculty has a varied background of experiences, also. Their academic credentials show that sixty-five percent of them hold the highest degree available in their field (usually a Ph.D.). They have studied at several of the most distinguished universities in the United States and abroad; many are known nationally and internationally as authorities in their fields of study. Just as important as the faculty's academic background (or maybe more important) is their attitude towards teaching and students. The men and women teaching at Centenary would rather teach than do research. They like students. They're available to talk if you need advice on an academic or personal matter.





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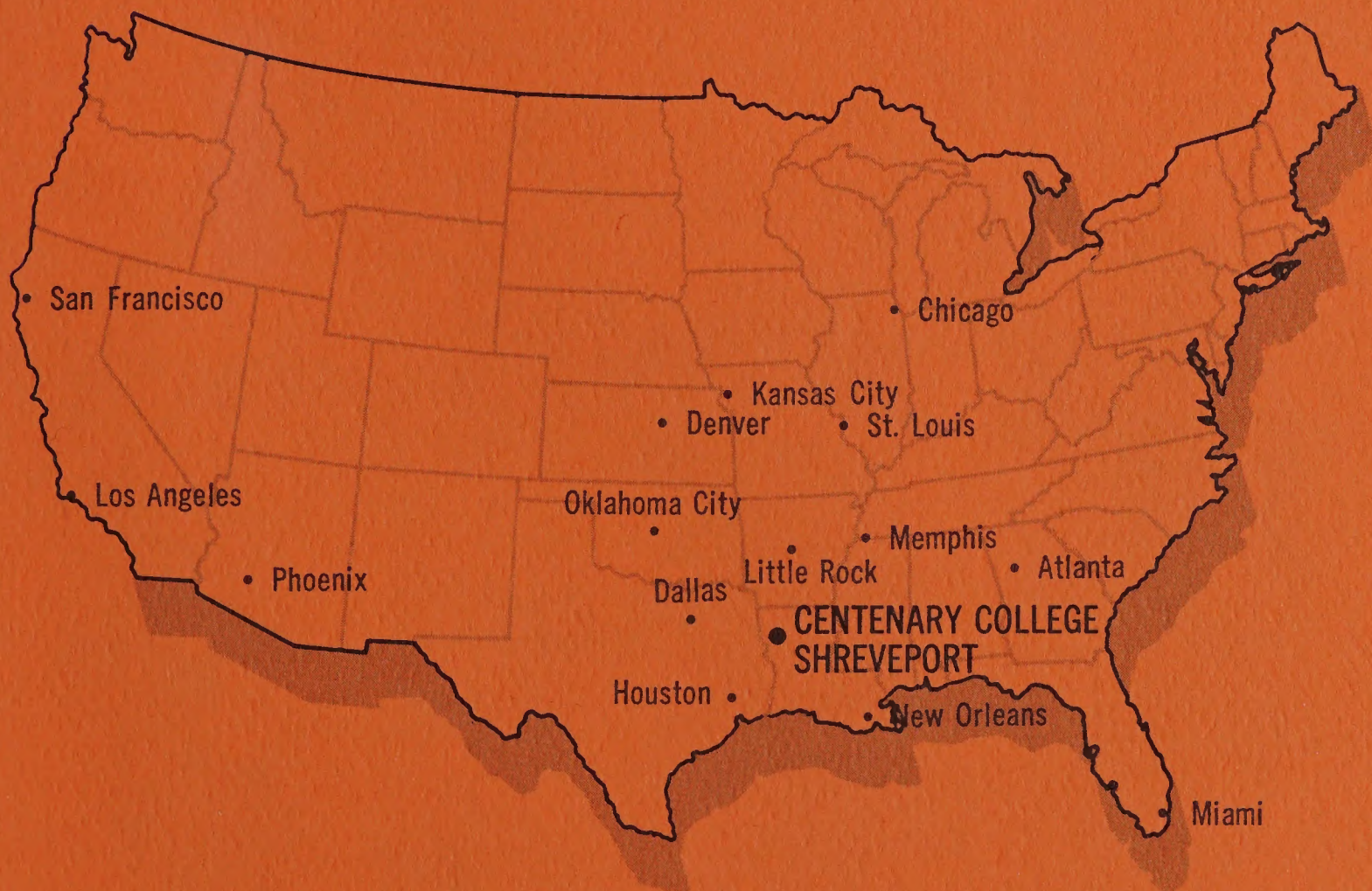
Now that we've told you a bit about the academic atmosphere of Centenary, maybe we should tell you about the special facilities and campus landmarks. The College's new Physical Education and Athletic Center, with its golden geodesic dome rising 80 feet above the South Campus, is easily the most talked about building at Centenary. The most familiar campus landmark is the College Library, which presently houses over 95,000 volumes and has extensive facilities including private study rooms, microfilm equipment, a large record collection, listening rooms, and the Centenary Gallery for art exhibits. One of the best-equipped college theatres in the country is the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse where the Rivertown Players present top-quality productions to capacity audiences. Other outstanding facilities are: the Mickle Hall of Science (housing an impressive Computation Laboratory equipped with the latest IBM computers and expensive physics facilities), the Hurley Memorial Music Building, the Moore Student Center, Brown Memorial Chapel, the outdoor bandshell, and a special rehearsal hall and recording studio for the Centenary College Choir. All residence halls are air-conditioned and several of them have courtyards, winding stairways, and wrought iron trim. Students eat in two dining halls located on Sexton Drive or in the snack bar located in Moore Student Center. (For an overall view of the campus see pages 16 and 17.)





Centenary College is located in Shreveport, Louisiana. Shreveport is a pleasant Southern city (200,000 population) that enjoys friendly relations with the College and its students. You'll find a great deal of excitement on the Centenary campus, and the surrounding community also offers chances for additional recreation, cultural offerings, social life and shopping. Although not yet a major industrial city, Shreveport is rapidly expanding in business and career opportunities. Many Centenary graduates have found the city pleasant to live in and have taken important positions with local firms.

Students usually enjoy staying on campus for the weekends, although if you feel like getting away, Dallas or New Orleans are within driving distance. The city is easily accessible by air (four airlines serve the Greater Shreveport Airport), train or car (interstate 20 intersects the city). The map below should give you an idea of Shreveport's location in the South.



*P*art of Your Education

A college education doesn't stop at the door of a classroom; learning occurs in places and situations that are far removed from the lecture hall. The extracurricular activities at Centenary are an important part of your education. The things you do and the people you meet while working in student government, sports, greek organizations, student publications or in clubs will help you later in life. Whatever kind of activity you're interested in, we can keep you happy:

Student Government: Believing that responsibility and self-direction are necessary parts of the college learning experience, Centenary traditionally has encouraged and supported student government. Considerable authority to govern, regulate, and control student affairs within the framework of the College administrative policies is delegated to such responsible bodies as the Student Senate, the Honor Court, and the Men's and Women's Judicial boards. These groups handle matters ranging from student probation to campus elections, from pop entertainment to lecture series.

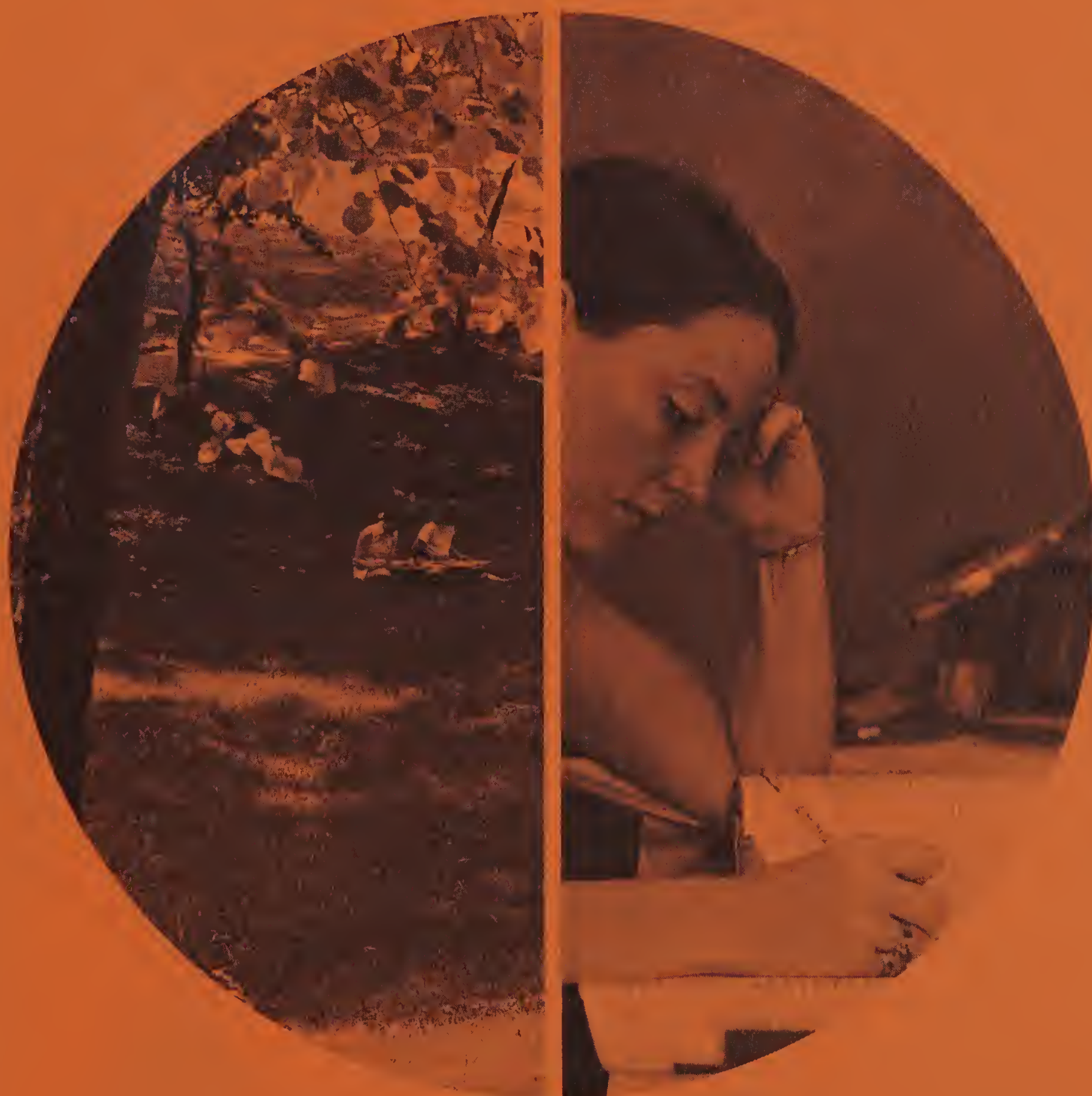


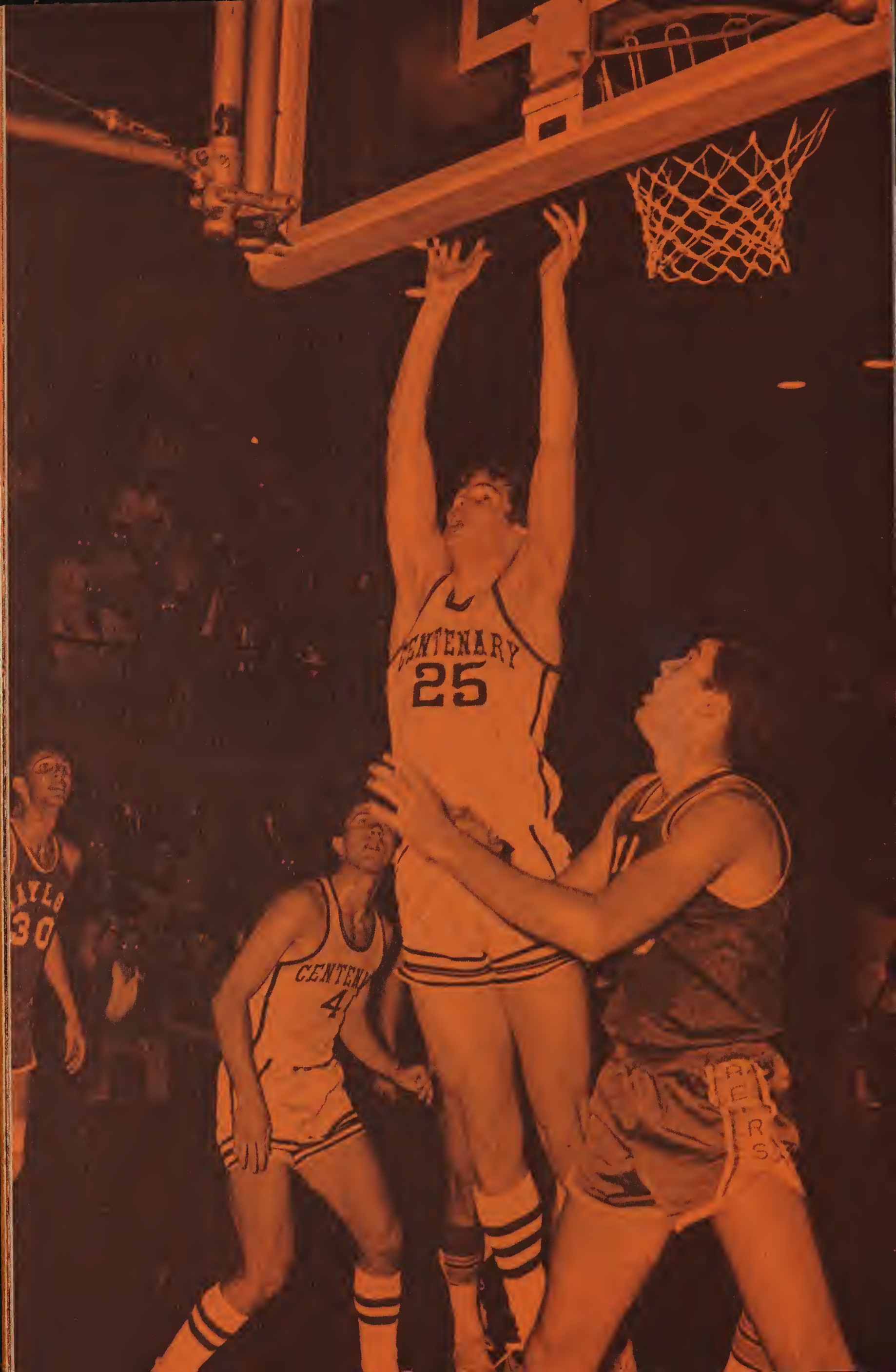


Musical Organizations: The Centenary College Choir is an outstanding musical group on campus — the choir has made two overseas tours, played two long engagements at Radio City Music Hall and appeared before all types of audiences throughout the Southwest. The group has its own television show (now in its 17th year), recording studio and rehearsal hall. The College Band is popular with both Centenary students and residents of the Shreveport community. Besides frequent campus concerts, the Band plays for all sports events, academic occasions and certain members present free outdoor concerts each summer at the Hargrove Memorial Amphitheatre. Centenary's Symphony Chorale appears with the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra. The College's School of Music sponsors an Opera Workshop that results in several productions of chamber opera each year.



Religious Activities: Chapel attendance is encouraged but not required. Regular Sunday morning worship services are held in Brown Memorial Chapel for all denominations, conducted by the College's own Chaplain. He also leads the Thursday religious programs, directs the Methodist Student Movement, coordinates all other religious activities on campus, and is available for counseling at any time. Most of the major religious denominations have student groups on or near campus. Religious organizations include: the Methodist Student Movement, the Canterbury Club, the Baptist Student Union, and the Newman Club.





Greeks: There are four national fraternities (Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Theta Chi) at Centenary and three national sororities (Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha). The Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council help maintain close communication between the groups and promote service, scholarship and worthwhile activity. Rush season begins at Centenary during the fall semester.

Sports: The College offers intercollegiate or intramural competition in most popular sports. Centenary is a tough competitor intercollegiately in basketball, golf, cross country, tennis and baseball. Intramural teams are organized in football, basketball, ping pong, handball, volleyball, tennis, bowling, softball, and cross country. The Women's Recreation association organizes women's sports in many of the same areas.





Theatre, Art, and Publications: Centenary's magnificent and versatile Marjorie Lyons Playhouse makes it possible for the College to offer a strong major in theatre and speech. The River Town Players, a student theatrical organization, utilizes the talents of many students with an interest in theatre as well as those majoring in theatre arts. The aim of the Department of Theatre and Speech and the River Town Players is to present drama of imaginative artistic calibre, and to provide a diversified and entertaining dramatic program.

The College often brings the work of outstanding artists, sculptors, and photographers to the campus for showing in the Gallery of the Library. Centenary art majors and faculty members show their work frequently in campus exhibitions, and they participate actively in showings and competition off campus. The Centenary chapter of Kappa Pi, national fraternity for art majors, each Christmas sponsors a special exhibit and sale of student



and faculty art work for the benefit of scholarship projects. Rare books and particularly interesting or valuable manuscripts frequently are secured for display in the Library itself.

Student journalists keep busy publishing the College's weekly newspaper, *The Conglomerate*, the yearbook, *Yoncopin*, and an annual magazine of creative writing and art called *Insights*.

And Still More: There are a number of societies, service organizations, and special interest organizations where you can come together with your kind of people: Math Club, French Club, German Club, Karate Club, Physics Club, Psychology Club, Spanish Club, Student National Education Association, Physical Education Majors Club, Young Democrats, Young Republicans, Student Louisiana Teachers Association, the Classics Club, honor societies recognizing scholastic achievement, and numerous service organizations.



THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CAMPUS

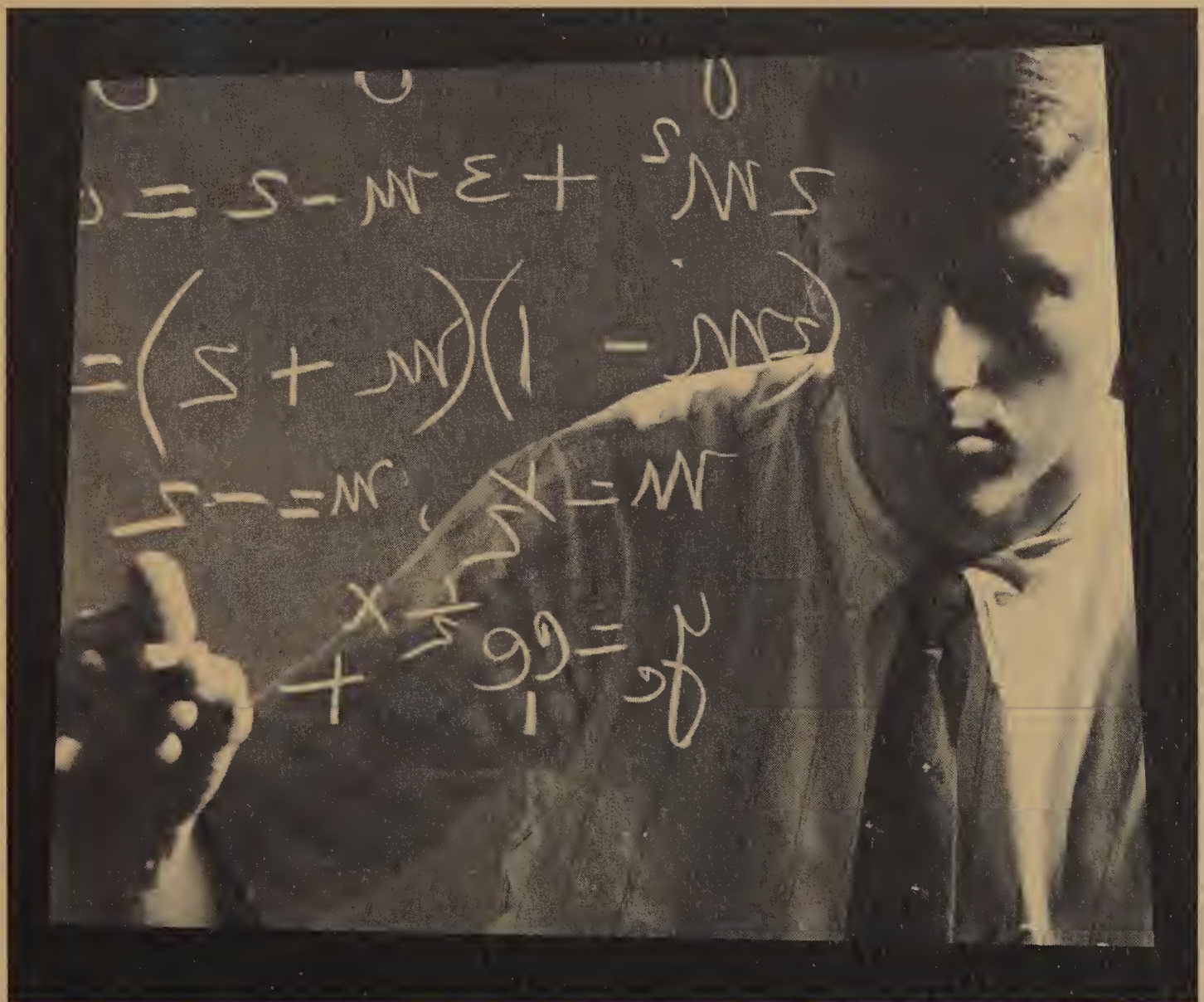
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| 1. The Administration Building | 12. Marjorie Lyons Playhouse |
| 2. Jackson Hall | 13. Cafeterias |
| 3. Rotary Hall | 14. Sexton Hall |
| 4. Pierce Cline Dorm | 15. James Dorm |
| 5. Haynes Memorial Gym | 16. Hardin Hall |
| 6. R. E. Smith Building | 17. Hargrove Memorial Amphitheatre |
| 7. Brown Memorial Chapel | 18. Moore Student Center |
| 8. Mickle Hall of Science | 19. Crumley Memorial Gardens |
| 9. Library | 20. Tennis Courts |
| 10. Morehead Memorial Gardens | 21. East Colonial Hall |
| 11. Hurley Music Building | 22. Hamilton Hall |



Academically Speaking

The liberal arts and sciences are the principal areas of study available to Centenary students with programs offered in numerous specialized areas. The College offers three degree programs: the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Music. B.A. degree programs offered include majors in art, chemistry, economics, English, foreign languages (any major-minor combination of French, German, Latin, and Spanish), government, history, mathematics, music, philosophy, psychology, religion, sociology, speech, and theatre. B.S. degrees include those in biology, business, chemistry, elementary education, engineering science, geology, mathematics, physical education, and physics. B.M. degrees include majors in applied music, music education, and composition.

In cooperation with Columbia University, Louisiana Polytechnic University, Texas A & M University, and the University of Arkansas, Centenary offers the "three-two" program in liberal arts and engineering science (known also in the Columbia relationship as the "Combined Plan"). Under this program, students pursue concentrated studies in the liberal arts and sciences at Centenary for three years, followed by two years' professional work at the chosen institution. At the end of the five years of study, the B.A. degree from Centenary and the B.S. degree in engineering at the cooperating institution are simultaneously awarded.



Pass-Fail Courses: When you become a sophomore at Centenary you can register for certain courses on a pass-fail basis. Letter grades are not given out for such courses and the usual credit is given if the course is successfully completed.

Honors Programs: If you have at least a 3.0 average in both your major and non-major courses, you can enter an honors program and do independent study, special research reports and papers, or (in the case of honors work in the arts) have the chance for public performance. Honors work in your chosen area of study must be approved by the department involved.

Interim: In January nearly every department of the College offers special courses as part of the Interim program. Interim usually lasts about three to four weeks between semesters and consists of concentrated study in areas not covered in regular courses. Much of the program takes place off campus, either at other colleges or in a field experience situation.

Independent Study: At the completion of his first year, a student with at least a 3.8 average may be allowed to design his own course of study for the remainder of his degree program. The College Honors Committee approves a student for such independent study and a supervisory committee works with the student for his remaining years of study.

Study In Washington or Monterrey: Certain students are eligible to spend one semester of their junior year studying in Washington, D. C., or a summer in Monterrey, Mexico. During the Washington semester, students take courses at the School of Government and Public Administration of the American University, and do independent research in Washington. The Monterrey program allows students to attend the summer session at the Instituto Tecnológico to earn up to six semester hours of college credit in Spanish, history, economics, and sociology.



SAMPLE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

To give you a better understanding of how a Centenary education gives you extensive knowledge and skills in your specialized subject area and also exposes you to courses in several other fields, we have included the following two sample Academic Programs:

PROGRAM A

Student working towards a B.S. degree in Biology

Typical courses taken in freshman year for biology majors

1st Semester

Expository Writing
Analytic Geometry & Calculus
Principles of Biology
General Chemistry
Art Appreciation

2nd Semester

Introduction to Literature
Analytic Geometry & Calculus
Principles of Biology
General Chemistry
Fundamentals of Voice & Diction

Something Extra: A biology major might supplement his classroom instruction by taking part in Centenary's Interim Program. During Interim the student might study radiation biology at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, or cell physiology on campus.



These two sample courses schedules are merely to give you an idea of the type of classes you would be taking if you were going into one of these areas and to show you how Centenary's liberal arts program gives you a chance to gain knowledge in several academic areas in addition to your major area of study. See a Centenary counselor for assistance in planning a personal program for your area of study.

PROGRAM B

Student working towards a B.S. degree in elementary education.

Typical courses taken in freshman year for education majors

1st Semester

Expository Writing
Finite Mathematics
Principles of Biology
Music Appreciation
Physical Education

2nd Semester

Introduction to Literature
Mathematics for Teachers
Regional Geography
Fundamentals of Voice & Diction
Physical Education

An elementary education major takes part in Centenary's unique clinical-Tutorial Program, where the student works with a tutorial professor in an individualized schedule of readings, seminars, lectures, and independent study in the theory of education. Practice is gained by the student in concurrent clinical experiences in local schools. Students go through a planned sequence of observing, aiding and substituting for master teachers.

The elementary education student might join the Student Louisiana Teachers Association, or be a member of a social sorority or service club on campus.

Something Extra: An education major might supplement his classroom instruction by taking part in Centenary's Interim Program. During Interim the student might have visitation experiences in unique and special educational programs throughout Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Mississippi. The program might include Computer Education in McComb, Mississippi; Educational TV servicing public education in Dallas, Texas; or Emotional and Dysleyic Problems as they are handled in the New Orleans, Louisiana schools.







Entering Centenary

If you are going to apply for admission to Centenary, it is best to submit your application by December 1 of your senior year in high school, although there is no fixed deadline for applications. Centenary accepts applications from students in high school college preparatory courses, and from students transferring from other accredited colleges and universities. Students are accepted without regard to race, color, or religious commitment.

When you are considered for admission, the College evaluates your scores on standard entrance examinations and your personal qualities and achievements. Centenary looks for students who will do well academically and contribute to the positive aspects of campus life.

You should be a graduate of an accredited secondary school and have a minimum of 15 college preparatory units in required areas of English, history, social science, natural science, and mathematics.

All students admitted to Centenary, either freshman or transfer, must subscribe to the Centenary College Honor Code. The Honor Code is the very foundation upon which the educational program of the College rests — and pledges a student's honorably preparing daily assignments, all written work, and examinations.

When you are applying for admission to Centenary, you should send the following to the College's Office of Admissions: the completed application blank, the non-refundable application fee of \$10.00, a complete transcript of all your high school grades or transcript of all academic work done at other colleges, and your scores from either the SAT or ACT.



Early Admission: Centenary considers applications from certain gifted high school juniors of unusual promise, maturity, and high motivation. Such students begin college at the end of their junior year and have to meet strict admission requirements. Consult with your high school counselor and the College's Director of Admissions for complete details.

Advanced Placement: In cooperation with the College Entrance Examination Board, Centenary allows students with high scores on Advanced Placement examinations to be considered for advanced placement and/or credit. Further information is available from your counselor or the Dean of the College at Centenary.

Admission by Transfer: Transfer students are admitted by meeting the same requirements as freshman students with the exception that official transcripts of all college work at other institutions must be submitted. Generally, transfer students must have a cumulative average of at least 2.0 (C) in all previous college work, although students are occasionally admitted (on a probationary status) who do not meet this requirement.







Expenses: The tuition, fees, and other charges you pay as a student cover less than half the actual cost of your college education — the rest comes from endowments, gifts by friends of the College, and support from the United Methodist Church. The current cost of a Centenary education is as follows:

Tuition and fees (per semester)	
arts and science students	\$650.00
music students	700.00
Residence hall fees (per semester)	160.00
Food Service (per semester)	275.00

In addition to the above expenses, there will be an annual expense of approximately \$100.00 to cover books, supplies and miscellaneous expenses. Included in the Tuition and Fees charge is the medical fee, insurance, physical education fees, student activity fees, library fees, student newspaper and yearbook costs, athletic events, and all laboratory fees except those special charges for breakage and waste.

Financial Aid: In order to allow most academically qualified students to attend Centenary, the College offers an extensive program of scholarships, loans, grants, and part-time employment to qualified students. To be considered for financial aid you must: 1) be accepted for admission to Centenary; 2) file an application for financial aid, available from the Director of Financial Aid; 3) file a Parents' Confidential Statement, available from the College Scholarship Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, or the Family Financial Statement, available from the American College Testing Program, Iowa City, Iowa. Requirements for the various types of grants and scholarships vary and can be obtained from the Director of Financial Aid. Information on employment opportunities, both on and off campus, are also available by writing the Financial Aid Office.



*If you desire further information about the
educational challenges and opportunities
awaiting you at Centenary College, contact:*



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